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Planning

Rehabilitative Services for men in prison or the community

Ministry of Justice

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Authority is seeking to procure the second generation of rehabilitative services for men in prison or the community to help them address rehabilitative needs and to desist from offending, across England (other than Greater Manchester, where a procurement for similar services will be led by GM Combined Authority) and Wales.

The desired budget for the men's services may range between £848,639,908 to £1,016,353,576 for the full term of the contracts (optional extensions included), final values will be confirmed once the spending review and governance is completed. There is an indicative launch date of September 2025, an indicative award date of October 2026

and an anticipated indicative go live date of March 2027. The proposed contract length shall be 5 years, with the option to extend by up to 3 further years. Please note, that all key decisions including budgets, contract length and dates are yet to be approved through internal governance and therefore may change.

The men's services will provide a combined, whole-person, individualised service to help service users:

- Build supportive relationships and social networks. This might include family relationships, friends, community groups and peer communities.
- Connect to a range of community-based activities and resources that matter to them. This could include volunteering, sport or constructive leisure activities.
- Progress towards recovery from drug or alcohol use and gambling.
- Achieve and maintain sustainable outcomes in relation to housing, employment and financial management.

The Delivery Partner, who will undertake the role of lead bidder, will be responsible for the delivery of all services in the specification. It is envisaged that to deliver the whole breath of services, a supply chain may be utilised under the direction of the Delivery Partner, who will instruct, engage and collaborate with a supply chain to ensure successful delivery of the required services.

Please note, these new combined services will replace the existing separate pathway services previously procured which cover Dependency & Recovery, Personal Wellbeing, Accommodation, Finance, Benefits Debt and Education, Training and Employment.

The authority will deliver this combined service by tendering 29 contracts across two waves of tenders:

- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Leicestershire, Lincolnshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Staffordshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Warwickshire, West Murcia
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for West Midlands
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Cleveland

- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Durham
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Northumbria
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Humberside, North Yorkshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for South Yorkshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for West Yorkshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Cheshire, Merseyside
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Cumbria
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Lancashire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for North Wales, Dyfed-Powys
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Gwent, South Wales
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Thames Valley
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Hampshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Isle of Wight
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Avon and Somerset, Gloucestershire, Wiltshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Devon and Cornwall, Dorset
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Essex
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Northamptonshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Norfolk, Suffolk
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Kent
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for Surrey, Sussex
- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for London over 25

- Commissioned Rehabilitative Services for London under 25

Together and within the contract, we aim to create responsive, innovative solutions and foster lasting, positive impacts. Partnerships will be at the core of these contracts to significantly enhance the capabilities and reach of the involved entities.

Total value (estimated)

- £848,639,908 excluding VAT
- £1,018,367,889 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2027 to 1 March 2032
- Possible extension to 1 March 2035
- 8 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 75231240 - Probation services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

24 September 2025

Engagement process description

Upcoming Market Engagement Events – Rehabilitative Services Recommissioning

Shape the Future of Rehabilitative Services – Get Involved!

We're excited to launch a series of interactive market engagement events designed to help shape the next generation of rehabilitative services, both in custody and in the community.

Over the coming weeks, all suppliers, whether long-standing partners or new entrants will have the opportunity to stay informed, influence decisions, and co-design services that make a real difference. This is your chance to get involved, contribute your expertise, and be part of building a service that truly changes lives.

Why Attend?

These events are more than updates, they're a platform for real collaboration. We'll share the insights we've gathered, explain how they're shaping our approach, and invite fresh input. Your feedback is essential to designing effective, transparent, and inclusive services that meet the needs of those who rely on them.

By taking part, you'll help:

Influence future service design

Receive first-hand updates

Shape strong partnerships

Foster collaboration

Support transparency and trust

Tailored for You

We've designed two complementary streams to support a diverse range of providers:

Strategic Workshops – For organisations looking to lead bids or form consortia. These sessions will focus on commercial models, governance, contract management, and performance frameworks.

Specialist Roundtables – For sub-contractors and niche providers. These events will spotlight frontline practice, innovation, and social-value delivery.

While each stream has a specific focus, all events are open to the full supply chain, choose the sessions that best align with your experience and interests.

Be Part of the Conversation

Your voice matters. These sessions are your opportunity to influence strategy, build meaningful partnerships, and collaborate on a service model that delivers long-term, life-changing impact.

Register today to secure your place. Let's build a high-impact, transparent, and collaborative rehabilitative service together.

Join us in setting the new standard for excellence in public provision.

What's Happening and When?

Market Informing (26th February 2025) – Completed.

Specification, Flexibility and Partnerships:

- 25th March 2025 (lead bidders/consortia) - Completed.
- 27th March 2025 (supply chain/sub-contractors) - Completed.

Consultation & Readiness on Key Commercial Components (e.g. evaluation questions, Pay mech, Performance etc.):

- 29th April 2025 (supply chain/sub-contractors) – Completed.
- 30th April 2025 (lead bidders/consortia) – Completed.

Potential Lead Bidder presentation events:

- 17th, 18th and 19th June 2025 – Completed.

Request slides for the above events at probationsourcingteam@justice.gov.uk

Regional Market Engagement (provisional dates subject to change according to availability) - via Teams:

- Wales: 3rd July
- West Midlands: 9th July
- North West: 14th July
- Yorkshire and the Humber: 14th July
- South Central: 15th July
- South West: 15th July
- London: 17th July
- East of England: 22nd July
- Kent, Surrey and Sussex: 31st July
- North East: 31st July (this is likely to change)

PA23 Central Digital Platform Upskilling:

- 22nd July 2025 – via Teams

Engagement and Final Tender Documentation:

- 11th September 2025 – via Teams

How to Register

Complete our Microsoft Registration Form to be added to our mailing list to receive registration links for each event via email:

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=KEeHxuZx_kGp4S6MNndq2NAs-bacbL5KgGpbTkzCjSJUNTc0SjdUMFBRMU0yRDILNUNOSVdCMEpMSy4u&route=shorturl
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Don't miss this chance to engage, collaborate, and shape the future!

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

25 September 2025

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

Ministry of Justice

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDNN-2773-HVYN

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United Kingdom

Contact name: Probation Sourcing Team

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Website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-justice/about/procurement>

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - central government